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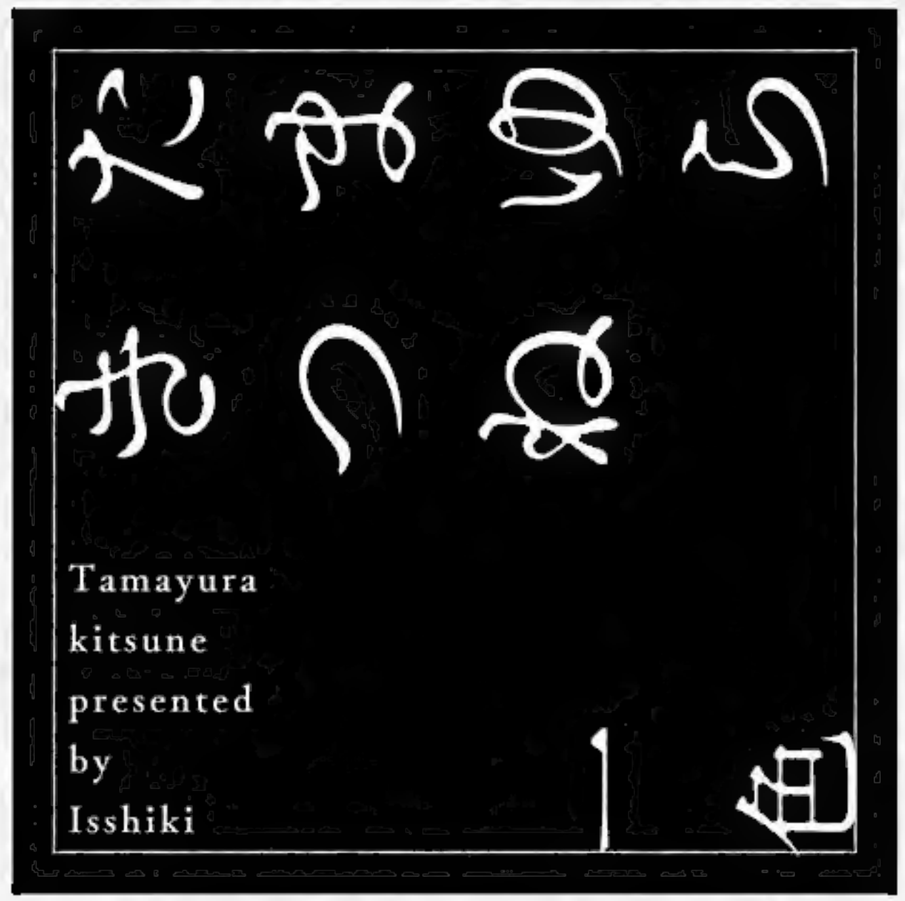
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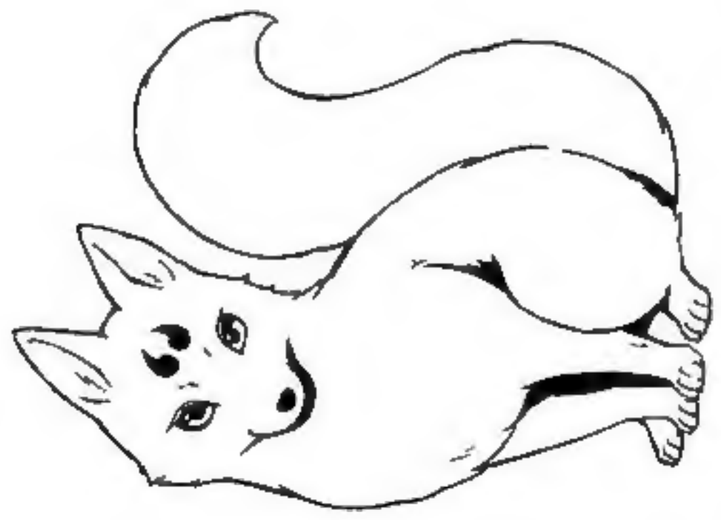

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Don't bring something like that inside! You should know better!

But before you said you liked butterflies!

How is that a butter-fly?

What do you have there?

A caterpillar.

It's a baby butterfly.

You really love animals, don't you Wataru?

Mom doesn't, though...

Wataru...

Would you like to go somewhere nice with me?

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SIGN: MITSUMORI INARI SHRINE

Hey! A dog!

It's a fox, dear.

Hello, Yachi-san. Is this your grandson?

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Your name's Yuki, then?

I see, 'yuki' means snow!

It's true, your fur's just like snow!

Can he pet Yuki-chan?

That's right.

Go ahead.

It's a greeting and a prayer.

For a god.

What are you doing?

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I wish that...

Grandma will be happy forever!

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Chapter 1

Crossing Bygone Days

...that's right...

We went to that shrine a lot.

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Yachi!

We're going to karaoke right now.

Want to come?

Sorry.

Today isn't very good for me.

It's never a good day for you!

Look, I know very well that you loved your grandmother.

But you need to stop moping around and cheer up already!

Shut up.

Kabaki.

If karaoke isn't your thing, then how about-

We should party hard!

And hanging out with your buddies is the perfect solution!

Let us know if you ever feel like it.

Yeah... see you.

We used to stop by this park all the time.

She bought me tons of candy from here.

We started our trips from this bus stop.

And after all that...

we'd go to Mitsumori Shrine...

And every time we were there...

Grandma would pray for my happiness.

It's because she was here...

that I could be happy.

So now what? From now on...

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How am I supposed to be happy?

... a white...

fox...

Might you be...

Yachi Wataru-sama?

Wait, are you...

Yuki?

!?

I'm elated that you've remembered me.

Indeed.

I am Yuki.

It's been years since we've last met, hasn't it?

Yuki!!

And haven't you grown splendidly!

What are you doing...?!

I am the familiar of Mitsumori-sama.

To better serve him, I've learned to change my appearance.

The fox... it turned into a person...

No, it didn't!

You're just daydreaming is all!

A familiar...

But Saburo-sama...

Yuki, change back.

Oh.

Are you Wataru-kun by any chance?

Long time no see.

You've never seen me in this form, have you?

So you can change your appearance? That's amazing.

So you just accept it, huh...

Well, I guess that helps...

I was just thinking about your grand-mother.

She hasn't visited recently.

...Grand-ma...

I see...

I'm sorry for your loss.

It's okay... she was so old, it couldn't be helped...

passed away...

last month.

It... couldn't be helped...

Wataru-sama...

I see that your loss has been causing you great anguish.

Your dear grandmother paid visit to this shrine many times.

She was constantly praying for your happiness.

Although your time together decreased due to your school-work...

she was deeply grateful for every day she spent with you.

...right.

She would surely be overjoyed...

should your smile return to you.

You're right...

I have to pull myself together...

and get back to my old self quickly.

...Please leave it to me, Wataru-sama.

By Mitsumori-sama's will...

I shall...

grant your wish.

to grant wishes for the people.

Yuki is still in training.

She is to use her power on behalf of Mitsumori-sama...

Chapter 2: The Familiar of Mitsumori

Granting wishes, huh...

To that end, let's see...

Indeed.

Is there something in particular you desire?

In particular, in regards to your wish to "get back to your old self"...

Please allow me to assist you.

This isn't like curing injuries or sickness.

Changing people's feeling is a far more difficult task.

You lack the experience and understanding for something like this.

Perhaps you would like some delicious food?

I shall bring tea and cookies...

That's not it, Yuki. Sit down.

Maybe some kind of...

diversion?

……

So I cannot be of help...

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Of course! Let us hurry and~

HOLD IT.

Yuki.

Do you want to go for a walk?

Diversion?

My friends have been asking me to go out with them. I've been turning them down, though.

I've put them away!

uh...

I can't hide both at the same time...

Now your tail is out!

You're not going anywhere looking like that!

Your ears are completely visible!

How is this, Saburo-sama?

Better.

Then I will hide my tail in this manner.

I will not stand out if I look like those students, correct?

I...see.

I'm happy I get to talk to an animal.

You're taking this surprisingly well, Wataru-kun.

Now go on, you two. And be careful.

Yes!

People like Wataru are the exception.

For your own safety, you cannot reveal yourself to others.

Listen up, Yuki.

Chapter 2

The Familiar of Mitsumori

So what do you do as a familiar?

I mostly observe people.

We familiars listen to a variety of wishes, attempt to grant them, and receive thanks. That is our purpose in life.

By 'thanks', do you mean money?

That would be up to you.

Even simple words are plenty.

We must offer our support no matter the circumstances.

That doesn't seem very fair...

It is nothing less than our nourishment.

We do not wish to disappear, after all.

Well...

We are not ordinary living beings.

We could disappear at any moment.

The thanks we receive is proof of our existence.

And the more wishes we fulfill...

The stronger our presence in this world becomes.

Is that... the smell of donuts?!

Ah!

Disappear? What do you mean?

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Do you want some?

I do!!

Let's buy some, then.

Oh no, I cannot impose on you like that...

It's fine, I want to eat something too.

It'll taste better if I get to eat with someone.

...Oh, I have some lottery tickets.

If that is the case...

Please, Wataru-sama!

MAKE A WISH FOR GOOD LUCK!!

But there's no point if Yachi's not going.

If we're just going to burn time here...

shouldn't we just go to karaoke after all?

I still think we should have dragged him with us.

It would only make things worse if we brought him against his will.

And you have a better idea?

...sorry, you're right.

Oh.

Hm?

HUH?

PAPER: GIFT CERTIFICATE

Did you do this, Yuki?

Neat.

I have much experience with wishes for wealth.

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Congratulations!

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You've won the third prize! This gift certificate is valid throughout Mitsumori shopping district.

But...not enough to make Saburo-sama angry with us.

Let us eat a lot, then!

We can eat a lot of donuts with this.

You're eating junk food again!!

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Got it.

We'll keep it reasonable.

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If you're not coming with us because you have other business, just say so!!

We were worried sick about you!

Arata...

Kabaki, shut up.

?

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...Yuki.

Let me introduce you.

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Hide your tail.

Stop hitting my head

Oh! Yes...

This is Mizusawa Hikari-san.

This is Kabaki Arata.

I see, so you are Wataru-sama's classmates.

I am Yuki of Mitsumori.

And finally, Akato Haine-san.

...Hello.

They're my friends from school.

What a coincidence this is! Would you like to join us for some tea?

Oh no, I must decline. I'm–

Wataru... -sama?

I recognize that uniform, it's from a school for rich girls.

And judging by the color of her tie, she's a second year like us.

Why do you know that?

We just came here to do some shopping.

We can try some other time.

Let's go, Yuki.

See you guys at school.

Yachi...

They seemed pretty comfortable, huh?

Hmm mm...?

I haven't seen that in a while.

He was smiling.

I wonder if it's because of her.

I'm not going to send you back alone.

Don't you want to go with your friends?

Please don't mind me!

You're my friend too.

I am...

your friend?

Tamayura kitsune

Yuki, your tail's out again...

Watarusama, look.

There's an open bench over here.

!!

I guess she really wants to eat these...

This is the park where we used to play...

Let's see...

How about by the riverside?

A lot of people pass by here. We should find another place to sit.

I shouldn't think about it...

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If you like...

Chapter 3
The Ones That Give Her Life

Do you really like donuts that much, Yuki?

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I do!

I've loved them ever since you and your grandmother gave me some.

Is something the matter...?

I don't really want to talk about my grandma.

It's painful when memories of her start to surface.

The memories just keep bubbling back up again.

It was pretty lively in the shopping district, which kept my mind off of her, but...

I have to forget about these sorts of things.

If I want to break out of this depression and cheer up again...

I already know.

...

...It really would be much better if I just forgot it all.

!

I am not so certain...

that it is necessary to forget those memories.

Wataru-sama...

You deeply value your dear grandmother and the time you spent together.

Is that not so?

Not as long as they stay within their loved ones' thoughts and memories.

Even as people pass away...

They will not truly disappear.

Those feelings are not things to be forgotten.

As much as I do hold her dear, she's isn't here anymore.

You're right, but...

Mitsumori-sama is well aware of the feelings you two held for each other.

You've both made countless prayers, after all.

As long as I...

remember her...

As long as you remember and acknowledge your grandmother...

she will continue to be with us.

Yes.

That may have been too intrusive of me.

I'm terribly sorry!

Oh!

...ugh.

It's not that.

You're right, I don't want my grandma to disappear.

I'll keep her in my thoughts forever.

I feel like my mind is clearer now.

It's okay for me to reminisce about her.

Yuki.

Thank you.

I know you've all been trying to cheer me up.

Sorry for the way I acted before.

IF YOU'VE GOT A GIRLFRIEND, YOU SHOULD FREAKIN' TELL US!!

Stop shouting, Kabaki.

You're loud as hell.

...?

That isn't why I'm angry.

I mean, that was pretty sly of you...

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Girlfriend? Whose girlfriend?

Yours!

I'm talking about Yuki-chan!

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huh

She's not my girl-friend.

Oh, I see, I see.

How about you introduce us again then.

Alright! This time we're all going to hang out!

Yuki is a fox...

How could she be my girlfriend?

C'mon, I'll let you pick the place.

kinda nostal-gic

The aquarium? Wow, I haven't been there in a long time.

How about we go to the aquarium?

Let's see...

I'm not good at speaking that frankly with people...

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Thank goodness.

Yachi's finally cheered up enough to come with us.

Haine...

Mind your own business!

You can just talk to the man himself if you're that worried about him.

Going out with your friends, huh...

Worry not about my appearance, Saburo-sama.

That would be a good experience for Yuki, but...

I can easily hide both my ears and tail together now.

See for yourself.

It's all thanks to Wataru-sama.

Me? What did I do?

You've given me your thanks!

I helped grant your wish. I mean, more or less...

You did your job perfectly.

I'm doing just fine now.

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But still... all I did was say "thank you".

I feel like I should do more.

I used to go to the aquarium with my grandma, too.

It's packed with memories of her.

I see, I see!

Oh, no. That was more than enough.

You and your grandmother...

Both of you had wishes that place others before themselves.

Those kinds of wishes are incredibly precious and valuable.

Granting them is what gives me life.

Sharing these feelings with others is very important to me.

And, well...

Um...

and you even consider me your friend.

I'm very happy to have met another person who accepts me...

I guess I'm not changing your mind about this.

Oh, well.

Arata wants to hang out with you too.

Akato-san and Mizusawa-san are coming too.

Is that so...!

I'll come pick you up Sunday morning.

Thank you!

So I can go?

You can go to the aquarium.

Have fun.

Thank you all for inviting me today.

I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone better.

たまゆらきつね
Tamayura kitsune

Yuki!

Watarusama!

Good morning.

Morning.

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You two go and have fun.

But no granting any wishes today.

From what you've told me, those donuts...

were quite dangerous.

What, why not?!

I didn't mean any harm...

You made Wataru-kun wish for them and used your powers just because you wanted to eat them.

I can't approve of that.

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Using your powers for your own gain...

is strictly forbidden.

I'm sure I don't need to tell you this, but...

Look.

You can't just go around granting whatever wishes you please.

Yes...

You've got it rough, huh.

Yes...

For now, I'll be the one to judge when you can use your power...

and which wishes you grant.

Got it? I'm saying you're not allowed to use your powers today.

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And make sure you keep your real form hidden.

Well, interacting with other humans will be a good way to understand more about them.

I'm sure you'll do fine.

Yes, leave it to me!

By the way, what would you consider to be appropriate attire for visiting the aquarium?

Uh...

Let's see...

It's nice to see you all again.

Yuki-chan, do you normally wear kimono?

You sure are one classy lady!

Classy...!?

It appears I have made a poor choice in clothing.

Grandma did wear kimono all the time, so I can see where you were coming from...

Chapter 4

A New Emotion

Wow...!

It's so pretty here!

深海の不思議展

Yachi~

Yuki, look, there's an art show about the deep sea!

We're lucky we came today.

Please keep an eye on Yuki for me!

Saburo-sama did ask me to, after all...

Yuki, careful not to get separated.

We're gonna check out over here. Later, guys.

Ah-

Okay...

And he's off!

He always makes a beeline for whatever catches his eye.

It's a giant isopod!

Isopod...

Predatory tunicate!!

Tuni... cate?

Shinkaia Crosnieri!

Crosnieri...

They all look quite tasty...

You can't eat them.

Oh, but then why keep them in a tank?

What exactly is the purpose of this aquarium?

Yachi looks like he's having fun...

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Kabaki!

Huh!?

Did I ask something strange?

Haine wants to talk to Yachi.

Go figure this out.

Me? Well, I guess if I can talk to Yuki-chan more.

I felt bad for the animals kept inside these boxes.

Grandma was with me at the time.

No, sorry.

I just remembered I asked something similar.

People are afraid of what they don't know.

But when kids visit the aquarium...

They can learn about marine life and won't be scared of it.

That was her answer.

I asked her why a place like this existed.

And she told me...

Everyone's probably...

just trying to protect...

the things they like.

That's all.

I hope that wasn't too long-winded.

But if this place helps them to come to like the ones who live here a little more...

I don't think there's anyone who likes all living things right off the bat.

Then we can protect more of them.

Thank you, Wataru-sama.

I under-stood it perfectly.

Not at all.

And the creatures here are in no danger, either.

I have plenty to learn from all of you.

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I see, so this facility helps humans get used to unfamiliar creatures.

Yuki-chan!!

I feel like I shouldn't get between them...

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Uh, well...

I'll come with you then.

Yuki, what do you want to drink?

I will drink anything as long as it's tasty!

Let's get drinks together!

The dolphin show's gonna start soon!

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Café au lait.

Ah, um...

Then... I'll have that too.

Akato-san, Mizusawa-san, how about you?

Are you gonna be okay by yourself?

Of course.

You're leaving with the wrong person.

My bad, sorry.

We'll join you guys later, then.

Go ahead and grab seats.

Sure.

ugh...

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Y'know man...

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Look, over there.

...WOULD YOU LISTEN TO ME?!

What's the point of coming here together if you're always breaking off?

To begin with, I expressly asked you to introduce me to Yuki-chan and...

You know, like starfish and sea urchins.

Echi... what?

There's a bunch of echinoderms.

Let's just agree to disagree.

These things and those deep sea fish... they just creep me out.

You want to touch those things? for real?

I wanna come here later.

Your tastes really make no sense, man.

I get that a lot.

Uh huh...

It made me really happy.

I understood it perfectly.

But that's why....

When she said that...

Let's proceed, then.

The dolphin show is... that way.

Please call me Yuki, Haine-sama.

O-oh. Okay.

Um... Mitsumori-san~

Um... You seem to be very close to Yachi.

Yuki-chan, you...

Where did you meet Yachi?

You're not friends from middle school, since Kabaki doesn't know you.

Indeed.

Wataru-sama was about this size.

He and his grandmother often paid us visit.

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Wataru-sama is a dear friend.

I really don't know anything about Yachi.

Out-side of school...

What do Yachi's parents do again?

"Paid you visit"? Is your family important or something?

Chapter 5

Outward Considerations and Inner Feelings

We're back!

You wanted a cafe au lait, right?

Yup.

Which do you want, Akato-san?

Hm?

It looked like you weren't sure earlier.

I figured we might have put you on the spot.

Sorry. Thanks for considering me.

I was thinking that putting in a bunch of different orders would be a pain for you.

Thanks... I'll take this one, then.

Alright.

This is nothing.

You're really nice, Akato-san.

didn't want to admit my mistake.

I just...

That isn't true.

Yachi is...

way nicer than I am.

This one's yours, Yuki-chan.

Thank you, Arata-sama.

Hmm....

I don't know how I feel about you using '-sama' with me.

You consider me your friend, Arata-sama?!

Oh, but...

I mean, if that's how you want to call us, that's fine.

But it's a bit stiff since we're all friends here.

I see...!

Well, duh. Only friends hang out together like this.

Ain't that right?!

Come on, let's get a matching pair!

I swear... flirting like they own the place! Take it outside!!

What are you saying?

Do me a favor and pick mine too...

I want the pink one!

I WANT A GIRL-FRIEND TOO! IS THAT SO WRONG?!

WHY CAN'T I GET ONE?!

There's nothing strange about couples being here.

The aquarium is an accepted dating spot.

Arata-sama.

Is "having a girlfriend" your wish?

Oh, whatever! Leave me be!

Huh?

Wait.

You mean you'll go out with me?

I understand.

Got that right! Preferably one as cute as possible.

I'd be in heaven if she was anything like you, Yuki!

Yes.

If that is your wish, Arata-sama.

I will accept it.

Hold it!!

Yuki!

You can't do that!

We made a promise to Saburo-san.

You can't use your powers today.

!

We do not wish to disappear, after all.

What exactly...

Did she mean by that?

But... I must grant wishes.

It is my reason for being here.

Arata was just spouting his usual nonsense. You can just ignore him.

That's harsh, man!

Besides, that wasn't actually a wish.

It's okay.

You seemed pretty desperate back there.

Say, do you-

Anyway, Wataru.

OW

Haine...

I apologize for the trouble I've caused.

Haine-sama, Hikari-sama...

Would you two become my friends?

I have one last question for the both of you...

That...

might be difficult...

Oh,
I see...

See, we just met a little bit ago.

So we don't know each other very well yet.

Ah...

Gladly!

I'll look forward to it!

She's telling you to come hang out with us again.

Yuki-chan sure is cute, huh?

It's a bit of a shame, but...

What are you talking about?

I'll back off this time, for your sake.

Don't play dumb, you.

Hm?

You like Yuki-chan, don't you?

...Huh?

Oh.

Yuki! Our bus is here.

see you next time

Okay.

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...I know.

I think so too.

Haine...

That wasn't a good look.

Tamayura kitsune

Wataru-sama.

Arata, seriously...

You like Yuki-chan, don't you?

appear as a human today?

Did I...

As you said, I made a promise to Saburo-sama, but...

I still completely disregarded it...

As a human, huh...

I hope that I wasn't being rude to anyone.

I'm very anxious about all this.

Oh, I see.

Yuki appears as a human to everyone else.

If that's the case...

No wonder Arata got the wrong impression.

Looking at her like this...

I guess she really does seem like a normal girl.

I hope that's true!

Nobody noticed anything.

It was probably fine.

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I wonder...

That may be the case.

I wonder if your power would have made you fall in love with him?

If you had granted Arata's wish...

But still.

You mean you'll go out with me?

You need to take care of yourself, too.

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And you're okay with that?

I don't think people can change their feelings that easily.

You can't do anything without questioning yourself and freezing up.

You're always like this, Haine.

If you can't make your own decisions, people are going to lose their patience.

You know that, right?

Mizu-sawa...

Weren't you on her side just a second ago?

This is so frustrating!

I'm done. There's no point anymore.

I thought deep down she wanted it.

But if she's not going to put in the effort herself, nothing I do is going to help.

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She's right.

I'll...

...try confessing.

But he's just going to turn me down.

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I do. He doesn't think anything of me.

But I do want to get some closure, if I can.

You don't know that yet.

See.

I'll do everything I can.

So please don't give up on me.

Of course I won't.

sniff

We're back, Saburo-sama...

Kojiro is missing...

Is there something troubling you?

Welcome back.

Yes...

A...

A DOG?!

Kojiro? Is that her family?

Well, that's what I figured too, but...

Seems like Kojiro is that girl's dog.

Where are you, Kojiro...?

Are you afraid of dogs, Yuki?

Please come back...

ah

Yes... although it is quite embarrassing.

Saburo-
sama...

I know.

Let's
grant her
wish.

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Yachi, I want to talk to you for a bit...

Do you have some time after school?

Sorry, I promised Yuki I'd meet her then.

Do you want to talk right now?

I'm not ready yet...

Just do it.

Is your business with Yuki urgent?

Yeah.

We're searching for a lost dog.

It's for a little neighborhood girl.

What's this about?

Yuki really wanted to help even though she's scared of dogs.

I'm worried about her, so I'm going too.

Wait, so basically...

It'll be better to have more people helping out, right?

We're just helping each other out, it's nothing!

What do we know about the little doggy?

I have this picture of him...

Are you certain?

I can't possibly ask this from all of you...

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It appears he looks like this.

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You're scared of pictures of them too?!

Why did you even agree to do this?

I want to grant this wish as quickly as possible.

No, please allow me to force myself!

But you shouldn't force yourself.

Yuki, I know you feel sorry for the girl...

It is similar to what I went through while waiting for you, Wataru-sama.

That is something I am no stranger to.

The pain involved with not seeing those you want to most...

Ever since you've returned, Wataru-sama, I've had a wonderful time.

And I also know of the happiness at the end of that pain.

I see...

Yeah, okay.

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Let's get going.

Yes!

This wish is surely the same.

Seriously?

I can't...

To Yachi...

There's no way I can match up to her.

Yuki-chan is important.

Chapter 6
Inner Turmoil

Tamayura kitsune

I can see a long stairway... among a thicket...

Kojiro-sama is there, without a doubt.

Yuki, I should go after all.

Please stay by Mitsumori-sama's side, Saburo-sama.

Wataru-sama will be accompanying me.

I can do this.

I am here right now thanks to Mitsumori-sama.

I have a trusted friend with me.

It is...

Without him, I would not have been able to meet Wataru-sama.

A very reassuring feeling.

How can I...

repay these feelings?

I can overcome something like fear.

That is in my power, at the very least.

I see...

Alright.

I under-
stand.

I will
leave this
to you.

Chapter 7:

The Fire Fades

...?

Earlier, I was able to identify the characteristics of a likely place.

I guess we should walk around for now.

I am quite good at searching for and locating things.

Does the dog have a usual walking route?

Hikari...

Sorry.

Looks like I won't be able to confess.

I don't want him troubling himself trying not to hurt me.

So I'm...

Yachi is too kind... I'd just be inconveniencing him.

really okay with that, Haine?

Are you...

I am.

I can't think otherwise.

...yeah.

Hey, is that it?

Kojiro!

ピーー

Y-yes.

You're white as a sheet! Is it because of the dog?

Yuki-chan, how did you~ wait.

That sure was quick.

Don't sweat it.

It's what I'm here for.

Yuki, you wait here.

I'll go down there.

I apologize for making you do the work...

Careful, it's pretty high.

I know.

.....

That dog isn't trying to run away.

Maybe it can't move?

He was probably here alone all this time.

It must have been frightening...

Your family's worried about you.

Hello there, Kojiro.

Arata, give me a hand.

Okaaay.

Ah.

Your leash is all tangled up.

!!

GRRRRR

Hey, what happened? Calm down.

WOOF WOOF

HYA-

WOOF

BARK

BARK

!?

Yuki!!

Calm down, it's okay.

Wataru...

What's going on?

I've surprised you...

I really am sorry.

That's Yuki-chan...?

Hya!

ビクー!!

A familiar in Mitsumori-sama's shrine.

GRRRRR

I am actually...

What... is this?

She... isn't human?

Yes...

But I assure you I have only good intentions...

No!

Stay away from me!

I feel sick.

THIS IS CREEPY.

My existence is...

"

"

"

"

...creepy?

No it isn't.

You're just fine.

You're you, Yuki.

Akato-san.

That kind of behavior would make anyone sad.

Yuki is—

STOP IT!!

Don't protect her...

My opponent isn't even human?

I was ready to give up, but...

Your head is already filled with nothing but her.

This is ridiculous.

Even though I also...

Like you, Yachi!

...Huh?

um...

!

um...

Wait a second!

Sorry.
I'm going home.

I didn't mean that.
I didn't want to say it like that.

I'm sorry, just leave me a-

Huh-

ドカ!!

DOO

Tamayura kitsune

I cannot keep this up for much longer!

Wataru-sama! Grab my hand...!

ドゴッ

Haine!

Yuki saved us.

Did you just... float?

I'm relieved to see you unharmed.

Both of you.

.....

Wataru-sama.

Please take better care of yourself.

You musn't...

be so reckless...

...Yuki?

Arata.

Take care of Kojiro.

Huh?

!

What's wrong, Yuki?

Yuki...

Where are you going?!

Hey, Wataru!

I'm going to see Saburo-san.

Mitsumori Shrine.

Final Chapter

What's Truly Important

So she did all of that, did she...

I understand.

...Wataru-kun.

Saburo-san, Yuki isn't breathing.

It's like she's...

Yuki has...

already died once.

Mitsumori-sama noticed her then and brought her to his side.

In that way, she has already been allowed to remain here a short while longer.

But...

Why...

Why won't she open her eyes?

She was fine just a second ago...

This second life is nothing short of a miracle.

There are severe restrictions on allowing it to continue.

Those who have already died...

remain in this world to fulfill a duty.

A god's familiar must not use its power for its own gain.

But Yuki...

Yuki granted her own wish.

The wish to save you.

She will disappear.

And she will be forgotten.

What's going to happen?

What will happen to Yuki?

No...

Yuki...

We can't leave them like this.

Wait, Hikari!

I'm not going!

I was so horrible to Yuki-chan...

I don't know how to face them...

I put Yachi in danger.

Wataru will forgive you.

No matter what you think of yourself.

I'm terrible.

I can't forgive myself.

He isn't capable of holding a grudge.

You know that even better than I do.

...yeah.

You're right.

I'll go apologize, at least... I'm worried about him.

Slap!

Ow!

Would he grant it?

If I...

Make a wish to Mitsumori-sama for Yuki to remain here...

I'm afraid not.

!

Even if God won't recognize her...

He will not grant a second miracle.

Even if nobody else will recognize her...

I will always remember you, Yuki.

So please stay here.

That is my wish.

Mitsumori-sama, no!

You must not grant this wish!

A human child cannot be responsible for a familiar!

He should not endure something so...

チカ

チカ

Please, save Yuki!

I'll do whatever it takes!

Wataru-kun...

You really know no fear.

!

I understand, Mitsumori-sama.

Yes, I see.

Just this once, I am making an exception.

I will grant your wish.

Ugh...

Yuki!

ドサッ

Watarusama...

AHEM!

Okay...?

I told you already not to be so reckless!

Are you okay?!

But this time, Mitsumori-sama was able to grant another wish in addition to yours.

That is why you are both safe right now.

Under normal circumstances, lesser spirits cannot reverse that.

Typically, ending a familiar's duty cannot be done without a great divine spirit.

Even a human willing to shorten their own life in the process should not be enough.

Your grandmother's wish protected you.

I'm always wishing...

for your heath and happiness, Wataru.

Grandma...

protected me.

Is that right?

Yes...

I rushed into wishing for Wataru-sama's safety myself.

Um... I wasn't thinking.

None of this would have ever happened.

And if Yuki had just granted her wish instead...

I have been immature.

I acted without thinking it through.

It's no wonder that the situation proceeded as it did.

I acted without thinking, just like you.

Who knows?

Why did you try to save me, Wataru-sama?

Anyone would do that...

to protect what's important to them.

I think...

You're not gonna say anything?

...No.

I'm still confused.

No matter how distraught I was at the time...

I can't expect Yachi to forgive me.

I really do respect Yachi. He's got everything I seem to lack.

I still have no idea how to stay composed after all that.

I've got a lot to learn.

This is enough for now.

Well, if you recognize all that...

You can start by taking it slow.

.....

Hey! Wataru!!

You know I don't have a clue where Kojiro's house is!

Ah! that's right!

um, you two...

And...

I'm sorry about earlier.

Thank you for saving me.

Oh no, it was nothing worthy of thanks...

Hehe

Ah, right.

You forgot your bag.

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